

THINK OUTSIDE OF THE BOX: UNDERSTANDING MULTIRACIAL STUDENTS

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BILL OF RIGHTS FOR RACIALLY MIXED PEOPLE

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I have the right

**not to justify my existence in this world
not to keep the races separate within me
not to be responsible for people's discomfort with my physical**

ambiguity

not to justify my ethnic legitimacy

I have the right

**to identify myself differently than strangers expect me to identify
to identify myself differently than my brothers and sisters
to identify myself differently in different situations**

I have the right

**to create a vocabulary to communicate about being multiracial
to change my identity over my lifetime—and more than once
to have loyalties and identify with more than one group of people
to freely choose whom I befriend and love**

MULTIRACIAL TRIVIA

Directions: Talk to others in the group to find answers to the questions. When you receive an answer to an item, have that person sign their initials or write in the answer.

1. Knows what is Loving v. Commonwealth of Virginia_____
2. Name a multiracial author_____
3. Knows the year the census allowed a person to check more than 1 racial box

4. Name a multiracial sports figure_____
5. Knows the meaning of the word “mulatto”_____
6. Name a magazine for biracial, multiracial, and transracially adopted people

7. Name a multiracial celebrity_____
8. Knows the meaning of the word “hapa”_____
9. Name a multiracial activist_____
10. Name a university that prohibited interracial dating_____
11. The last state to remove its anti-miscegenation laws_____
12. What state is known for recognizing its multiracial population?_____
13. Knows Barack Obama's multiracial heritage_____
14. Knows an institution that has a multiracial student organization_____
15. Knows someone who is biracial or multiracial_____

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ONLINE RESOURCES

The following is a list of some websites with information and resources on multiracial issues. This is only a partial listing, as many of the websites will link you to additional websites.

- ***Mavin Foundation:*** <http://www.mavinfoundation.org/>
The Mavin Foundation is the nation's leading non-profit organization that is redefining diversity by celebrating multiracial and transracially adopted youth.
- ***Association of MultiEthnic Americans:*** <http://www.ameasite.org>
AMEA's mission is to educate and advocate on behalf of multiethnic individuals and families by collaborating with others to eradicate all forms of discrimination.
- ***Mixed Heritage Center:*** <http://www.mixedheritagecenter.org/>
This site--a collaborative project between Mavin and AMEA--is a clearinghouse of information and resources relevant to the lives of people who are multiracial, multiethnic, transracially adopted, or otherwise impacted by the intersections of race and culture.
- ***The Multiracial Activist:*** <http://www.multiracial.com>
The Multiracial Activist is a liberation-oriented activist journal covering social and civil liberties issues of interest to individuals who perceive themselves to be biracial or multiracial, interracial couples/families, and transracial adoptees.
- ***Project RACE:*** <http://www.projectrace.com>
Project RACE (Reclassify All Children Equally) is a national organization who advocates for a multiracial classification through education, community awareness and legislation.
- ***MixedFolks.com:*** <http://www.MixedFolks.com>
The purpose of MixedFolks is to celebrate multiracial heritage and provide information that multiracial people will find relevant and interesting, including lists of famous multiracial persons.
- **Two or More Races Population 2000:**
<http://www.census.gov/prod/2001pubs/c2kbr01-6.pdf>
This report examines the "two or more races" population in the U.S. and discusses its distribution at both the national and sub-national levels.
- **Census 2000 Race Contours:**
http://www.usc.edu/schools/sppd/research/census2000/race_census/index.htm
This website presents data on multiracial patterns in the 50 states.
- **Mosaic:** <http://www.mosaicweb.com/interrac.htm>
This website explores various cultures, and includes an inter-cultural section with links to various multiracial resources.
- **The Center for the Study of Biracial Children:** <http://csbchome.org/>
CSBC's mission is to advocate for the rights of interracial families, biracial children, and multiracial people.
- ***Interracial Voice:*** <http://www.webcom.com/~intvoice> [*temporarily down*]
The Interracial Voice is a journal that presents resources, news and articles, serving the mixed-race and interracial communities on the Internet.

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